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DISINVESTMENT
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Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status and number of employees belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other sections of people in the Public Sector Undertakings disinvested so far;

(b) whether reservation facility provided to the above categories of people is being maintained;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) if not, the steps being taken by the Governemnt in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION AND MINIST
COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b)(c)&(d) The Government is committed to protect the interests of all the workers including those belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. With this in view, in the cases of disinvestment involving transfer of management control, appropriate provisions are made in the share-purchase agreement and the shareholders agreement with the strategic partner. Typically the agreements include a recital stating that the strategic partner recognises that the Government in relation to its employment policies follows certain principles for the benefit of the members of the Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes, physically handicapped persons and other socially disadvantaged sections of the society and that the strategic partner shall use its best efforts to cause the Company to provide adequate job opportunities for such persons. Further, in the event of any reduction in the strength of the employees of the Company, the strategic partner shall use its best efforts to ensure ! that the physically handicapped persons, Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes are retrenched at the end.